

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**Department of Health Services**



**GRAY DAVIS**  
Governor

TO: HIV/AIDS SURVEILLANCE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: EXPANDED ETHNICITY/RACE CODES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2003

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requiring all project areas to document expanded ethnicity/race codes effective January 1, 2003. In order to match existing federal census guidelines, we will be required to collect “Ethnicity” status and “Race” status as separate categories. The “Race” category will allow for multiple entries such as Black and White or Hispanic and American Indian. The additional information will enable us to analyze data for persons of multi-racial backgrounds and to separate “Asian” race from “Pacific Islander.”

CDC will be providing software by December 31, 2003. Because no changes can be made to the existing Adult and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report forms (DHS 8641 A and 8641 P), OA has developed an addendum to be attached to each case report that will document the necessary information. The addendum is enclosed in this letter. You will notice that examples are provided. The addendum must be attached to every case entered into HARS after January 1, 2003. When you send cases to OA, please staple the addendum to the report. For those of you who submit monthly electronic update disks, please hold cases until the HARS 6 program is received from CDC if it has not arrived before December 31, 2002.

The Office of AIDS recommends that you report every case you have as soon as possible so that you can beat the December 31, 2002 deadline. We are looking at ways to allow for a limited extension to that deadline, however, the requirement is clear. All cases entered into HARS on or after January 1, 2003, will have to include values in the expanded ethnicity and race fields.

We will act to modify the case report form at the earliest possible date. Should you have providers that complete their own case report forms, please notify them of the required changes.



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Thank you for your cooperation. As always, I am glad to be of assistance and can be reached at (916) 322-1065.

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Enclosure

cc: HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section Staff

## Ethnicity/Race Categories

Here is the new Race/Ethnicity Section of the HIV/AIDS Case Report Form.

<b>ETHNICITY:</b> (select one) <input type="radio"/> 1 Hispanic <input type="radio"/> 9 Unk <input type="radio"/> 2 Not Hispanic or Latino	<b>RACE:</b> (select one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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## Examples for Completing the Ethnicity/Race Section of the HIV/AIDS Case Report Form

The client is of Hispanic decent only.

<b>ETHNICITY:</b> (select one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Unk <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Not Hispanic or Latino	<b>RACE:</b> (select one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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The client is of African American decent only.

<b>ETHNICITY:</b> (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Unk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Not Hispanic or Latino	<b>RACE:</b> (select one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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The client is of multi-ethnic decent not Hispanic.

<b>ETHNICITY:</b> (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Unk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Not Hispanic or Latino	<b>RACE:</b> (select one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 White <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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